Speed limit for vehicles

1953. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a panel to make roads safer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether around 85,000 people die in road accidents every year mainly due to over-speeding;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce variable speed limits for motor vehicles of all types and uniform speed limits on all the National Highways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Sundar, former Secretary, Ministry of Surface Transport was set up to deliberate and make recommendations for creation of a dedicated body on Road Safety and Traffic Management. The committee submitted its report on 20.02.2007 inter-alia recommending creation of a National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board through an Act of Parliament. A note for Committee of Secretaries in this regard has been prepared and has been circulated to concerned Ministries/Departments for their comments.

(c) The accidents and fatalities on road are dependent on many factors such as number of vehicles on road, population, road space, speed, different traffic condition etc. The data regarding number of road accidents and fatalities thereof due to over-speeding is not compiled by this Ministry. However, as per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of persons killed in the road accidents on All Roads during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are as under:–

Year	Persons killed in Road Accidents
2003	85998
2004	92618
2005	94968

(d) and (e) This Ministry has prescribed maximum speed limit for various categories of vehicles irrespective of category of roads. The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Table of maximum speed limit at a Glance[1]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of Section 112 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the Central Government hereby fixes the

speed specified in column (2) of the Table below as the maximum speed in respect of the class of motor vehicles specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof.

TABLE

Class of vehicles	Maximum speed per hour in kilometres
(1)	(2)
(1) If all the wheels of the vehicle are fitted with pneumatic tyres and the vehicle is not drawing a trailer–	
(a) if the vehicle is a light motor vehicle, other than transport vehicle;	No limit
(b) if the vehicle is a light motor vehicle, and a transport vehicle;	65
(c) if the vehicle is a motor cycle;	50
(d) if the vehicle is a medium or heavy passenger motor vehicle;	65
(e) if the vehicle is a medium or heavy goods vehicle	65
(2) If the vehicle is an articulated vehicle, all the wheels of which are fitted with pneumatic tyres, which is a heavy goods vehicle or heavy passenger motor vehicle.	50
(3) If the vehicle is drawing not more than one trailer, or in case of artillery equipment, not more than two trailers and all the wheels of that vehicle and the trailer are fitted with pneumatic tyres–	
(a) if the vehicle is a light motor vehicle and the trailer being two-wheeled has gross vehicle weight not exceeding 800 kilograms	60
(b) if the vehicle is a light motor vehicle and the trailer has more than two wheels or a gross vehicle weight exceeding 800 kilograms	50
(c) if the vehicle is a medium goods vehicle or medium passenger motor vehicle.	50

(1)	(2)
(d) if the vehicle is a heavy goods vehicle or heavy passenger motor vehicle.	40
(e) if the vehicle is a heavy goods vehicle or heavy passenger motor vehicle used by the fire brigade.	50
(4) Any other case not covered by entry (1), (2) or (3)	30

2. This notification shall come into force on the first day of July, 1989.

Vide S.O. 425 (E), dated 9th June 1989, published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. II, Sec. 3 (ii), dated 9th June, 1989.

Maintenance of Amritsar-Pathankot sector on NH-1

1954. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maintenance of Amritsar-Pathankot sector of the National Highway No.1 is most unsatisfactory;

(b) the expenditure incurred on its maintenance during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007, year-wise and how it compares with the all India expenditure on maintenance of the highways per year and per kilometer;

(c) whether there is any proposal to widen some of its very narrow stretches like Pathankot-Dinanagar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, indicating the particular stretches to be widened, expenditure to be incurred and the likely date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The National Highway 15 (not NH-1) between Amritsat-Pathankot is maintained in traffic worthy condition with in the funds made available for maintenance of National Highways except at few locations which have been damaged due to heavy rains.

(b) The expenditure incurred on the maintenance of this road during the last three years is given as under:-

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Description	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Maintenance Expenditure	Rs.143.96 lacs	Rs.599.88 lacs	Rs.90.63 lacs
Total length	100.82 km.	100.82 km.	100.82 km.
Cost per km.	1.43lacs/per km.	5.95 lacs/per km.	0.90 lacs/per km.

The expenditure is comparable with the all India expenditure on maintenance of National Highways.